



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:** Williams et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/590,646

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**For:** REINFORCED, SELF-ALIGNING  
CONDUCTIVE STRUCTURES FOR  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
COMPONENTS AND METHODS FOR  
FABRICATING SAME

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**Examiner:** J. Mitchell

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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Examiner:

This Amendment follows the Office Action of July 13, 2006, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on October 13, 2006.

A listing of claims, in which amendments to the claims are presented, begins on page 2 of this paper;

Corrections to the drawings are summarized on page 12 of this paper, and new sheets of formal drawings are enclosed; and

Remarks start at page 13 of this paper.